

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application and for indicating that claims 3-6, 9-12 and 17-19 contain allowable subject matter. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 13-16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Amemiya. Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amemiya. Claims 3-6, 9-12 and 17-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3, which has been canceled. Claims 4-6, 13-16 and 20 depend from allowable claims 1 or 2. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 9, which has been canceled. Claim 10 has been written in independent form. Claims 11 and 12 depend from allowable claim 10. Claim 17 has been written in independent form. Claims 18-19 depend from allowable claim 17.


In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 37686.

Respectfully submitted,

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